



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2014

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower
Third Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Council Members, Liaisons & Participants Present

Deborah Lavinsky (Acting Committee Chairwoman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Diane Joens, Tonya Watson, David Besst, Barbara Hill, Steve Laughary and Hannele Waissi

Council Members Absent

George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Teresa Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Allison Perrin, and Trudy Schuett

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Berntari Crosby

Guest Present and Signing In

Rita Anand, Brian Browne, Leslie Dytko

Welcome, Introductions, Review & Approval of January 9, 2014 Minutes

Acting Committee Chairwoman Deborah Lavinsky called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Following a review of the January 9, 2014 SHAC draft minutes, *Diane Joens made a motion to approve as presented; Charles Brown seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.*

Banner Sun Health Research Institute

Brian Browne, Director of Education and Outreach at Banner Research provided an update on the Banner Sun Health Research Institute. According to Mr. Browne, Banner Health offers a variety of clinical trials and other research studies for patients, family members and members of the community who wish to contribute to finding an end to Alzheimer's disease. Mr. Browne reported the institute's scientists have uncovered clues to Alzheimer's disease through experiments utilizing tissue and data obtained through the brain and body donation program. A copy of the *Banner Sun Health Research Institute Brain & Body Donation Program* and the *Banner Research Clinical Trials* flyers are available for review at the Council on Aging office.

Updates & Discussion on SHAC Initiatives

Hearing Loss – Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reported Michele Michaels was not available this date and staff would try to arrange for her to join the May 8th SHAC meeting for an update.

Lifespan Respite -David Besst, Department of Economic Security and Division of Aging and Adult Services, updated the group on the activities of the Lifespan Respite Program, the Caregiver Resource Line (CRL) and the Arizona Caregiver Coalition (ACC). According to Mr. Besst,

1. \$300 of respite care can be obtained for those not eligible for respite under another program; 25 hours at \$12 an hour, annually. Respite is available for a wide array of caregivers including grandparents raising grandchildren, caregivers of disabled adults and caregivers of older adults.
2. Plans are underway to market services to the public via public service announcements, You Tube videos and billboards.

Mr. Besst informed the group that he is a scheduled presenter at the American Society on Aging's conference being held in San Diego the week of March 10, 2014.

Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force and National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA)-on behalf of Phil Carll, Cathy De Lisa provided funding updates and a chart from the National Council on Aging related to the funding levels proposed in the Administration's budget released on March 4, 2014. Ms. De Lisa reported on the final work of the Arizona Alzheimer's Task Force four Work Teams that produced more than 100 recommendations for consideration by the Task Force.

Oral Health Updates

Ginger Froncek, Executive Director of the Arizona Dental Foundation and the Arizona Community Dental Clinic provided updates on SB1135: qualified immunity; nonprofit clinics outlining how the legislation has potential to assist efforts such as the Dental Mission of Mercy. A one-page overview of the December 2013 Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy was distributed. In addition, Ms. Froncek reported on the Arizona Community Dental Clinic and provided a factsheet entitled *Rebuilding Healthy Lives, Arizona Community Dental Clinic*. A factsheet was distributed by Ms. Froncek regarding the development of the Adult Benefit Coalition for Dental Care and the group discussed the impetus for and intent of the coalition. Copies of the overview and the factsheets are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Report Out and Discussion on Events Related to SHAC

Steve Laughary reported that the Maricopa County Oral Health Leaders Advocates and Resources or MOLAR was in the middle of several transitions including staffing and leadership. According to Mr. Laughary, the coalition is nearing completion of their 501 (c) (3) status, and Delta Dental had awarded a \$25,000 grant to the group.

Hannele Waissi discussed the Arizona Assisted Living Homes Association/AALHA seminar she attended on March 5, 2014 hosted by Becky Brimhall-Lepire.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. by Acting Chairwoman Deborah Lavinsky.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Social, Health & Alzheimer Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for May 8, 2014; location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca. These meetings are open to the public.